

Vermont Department of Employment & Training

February 16, 2005

Ms. Christine Kulick
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Office of Workforce Investment
Division of One-Stop Operations
Room S-4231
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Subject: WIA Waiver Extension

Dear Ms. Kulick:

In response to TEGL 14-04, dated 1/21/05, regarding planning guidance for state WIA plans, please accept this formal request to extend Vermont's current waivers for two WIA provisions.

On January 23, 2002, Vermont was granted two waivers regarding:

1. Competitive selection requirements for providers of youth services (Sec. 123); and
2. Subsequent eligible training provider requirements; all student reporting (Sec. 122(d)(1)(A)(1) and 20 CFR 663.535 (c)(1).

The rationale for the waivers, approved by the Human Resources Investment Council, centers on Vermont's rural nature and the fact that there are not enough service providers to make competitive bidding for most youth services cost efficient. Likewise, a large number of eligible training providers for adult services indicate that the WIA enrollment numbers are too small for an investment in a WIA data collection system for all students.



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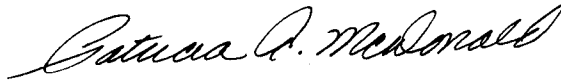
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Since reauthorization bills in both the House and Senate address these issues, we request an extension of these waivers through June 30, 2007, or until WIA is reauthorized.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Cormany in my office.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia A. McDonald".

Patricia A. McDonald
Commissioner